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Mr. Tom Baird,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Kansas City Monarchs
Baseball Club,
1418 N. 27th Street,
Kansas City 8, Kans.

Dear Mr. Baird:

In view of V-E Day in Europe and the resumption of the All-Star game by the major league, it seems to me as though there will be not much trouble in straightening out the annual East-West game. Of course, I do not know what representative or representatives the two leagues have in Washington to get a ruling on this; but it certainly seems that something definite should be done in that immediately.

I received a letter from Dr. Martin, in which he insists that the only reason for which our committee was appointed was to work out the players' disputes. If this is so, then I want nothing more to do with it. Any man or any organization which does not have the courage to live up to his commitments is doomed to failure. That is the way I feel and I want you and the other gentlemen of both leagues to know it.

Of course, I am not a member of either one of the leagues. You gentlemen made me chairman of the committee and I accepted the honor because I sincerely felt that our committee could do some good. If this is not the case, then both leagues certainly have lost caste in my public and private opinion, and I will so express myself in time through the columns of this newspaper. My latest suggestion is that our committee meet a couple of hours before the June joint meeting of the two leagues; have Dr. Martin and Tom Wilson meet with us and clarify their position and then, if necessary, take our matter directly to the floor of the meeting for the deliberation of the entire body.

I am sending copies of this letter to the other members of the committee, as well as a copy of the letter which I have just written to Dr. Martin.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED)

William G. Nunn, Managing Editor
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